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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE
AND EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Dear Sir:

This is in further response to the Final Office Action of December 26, 2007 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-identified application. A response to the Final Office Action is due three months from the mailing date thereof. Accordingly, this Response is being filed with a request for a one month extension of time. Applicants submit with this Response the following remarks and a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131. Please kindly refer to and consider the following remarks and the attached document.

Claims 1-10, 13-15, 18 and 19 are currently pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

Regarding the current prior-art rejections, Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, establishing that the invention by Applicants of the presently claimed patent application occurred before the relevant priority date of the Ikeda et al. patent. Accordingly, the Ikeda et al. reference does not appear to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), since it is not a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the Applicants for patent.

Multiple Examiner Interviews were conducted on March 25, 2008 with the Examiner of record, and were further conducted with his Supervisor. As a consequence of these discussions, it was agreed by the Examiner of record, having opened the file and more carefully reviewed the earlier-submitted Rule 1.131 Declaration, that all of the rejections would appear to have already been overcome with the earlier submission of that declaration. It was suggested by the Examiner's Supervisor, however, that the attached declaration, which contains more specificity, be submitted in order to buttress the strength of the Applicants' position. Accordingly, in light of the above items, reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-10, 13-15, 18 and 19, as currently presented, are in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any needed fees to deposit account 50-1600.

Respectfully submitted,



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